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SUBJECT Interview with Stansfield Turner

MERV GRIFFIN: My next guest is a former Navy Admiral who served as Director of the CIA under President Carter from 1977 to 1981. He's critical of the way the Agency's run today, and outlines his observations in his new book, Secrecy and Democracy: The CIA in Transition. He also plays a mean game of tennis.

Would you help me in welcoming Stansfield Turner?

[Applause]

GRIFFIN: You got your pants on right?

ADMIRAL STANSFIELD TURNER: Well, you know, Merv, the last time when we played tennis, I fell down so much, I had holes in the knees. And when I turned it around to keep my knees from freezing, you accused me of trying to deceive you and make you think I was running backwards.

GRIFFIN: Well, we played against each other when he was Director of the CIA. And, of course, the first intimidating thing is he arrived with bodyguards, who stood in the corner of the thing. And you don't want to serve too hard with a guy with a bodyguard.

ADMIRAL TURNER: And secret tennis balls.

GRIFFIN: And secret tennis balls, right, that were wired for sound. And he walked out on the court with his pants on backward. Now, to which I said, "Mr. Director, is that a problem in the CIA?" He gave me a very dirty look.

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